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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE SUGAR QUOTA

REF: STATE 63312

1. LOCAL SUGAR INDUSTRY EXECUTIVE HAS GIVEN EMBASSY
FOLLOWING TEXT OF PRIVATE CABLE FROM U.S. BUSINESS
SOURCE CONCERNING CHAIRMAN POAGE'S ATTITUDE TOWARD
PHILIPPINE SUGAR QUOTA:

QUOTE VERY PRIVATE - ACCORDING TO CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES
WHOM WE MUST PROTECT - CHAIRMAN POAGE OF AGRICULTURAL
COMMITTEE AIMS AT CUTTING PHILIPPINE PARTICIPATION
IN BOTH QUOTAS AND DEFICITS. HIGHEST QUOTA LIKELY
1,120,020 BUT THERE IS TALK OF LESS THAN THE 980,000
IN EXPIRING LAUREL-LANGLEY ACT, RENEGOTIATION OF WHICH
APPARENTLY NOT GOING WELL. PARTICIPATION IN DEFICIT
REALLOCATIONS WOULD BE CUT FROM 30 PER CENT TO RELATION-
SHIP OF NEW PHILIPPINE QUOTA TO OTHER FOREIGN (I.E.
DEFICITS, PRORATED TO ALL). NEW QUOTA STRUCTURE
ALREADY ELIMINATES MUCH OF EXCESS QUOTAS IN DOMESTIC
AREAS, ALLOCATING THEM TO MAINLAND CANE AND FOREIGN
COUNTRIES, REDUCING SUBSTANTIALLY THE PIE TO BE
SLICED." END QUOTE

2. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST ANY INFORMATION OR
COMMENT DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ON THIS REPORT BE FORWARDED
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